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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Docket No. FHWA-2012-0051

Agency Information Collection Activities: Request for Comments for a New Information Collection.

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: FHWA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval for a new information collection, which is summarized below under **Supplementary Information**. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Please submit comments by (please insert date 60 days from published date).

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID 2012-0051 by any of the following methods:

Web Site: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received; go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Fax: 1-202-493-2251.

Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

Hand Delivery or Courier: U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Engage@FHWA: Comments, Ratings, Rankings, and Flagging Tools.

Background: This information collection request is for a clearance to fulfill the public feedback aspects of the Engage@FHWA National Dialogue initiative. Visitors to Engage@FHWA National Dialogue websites will be provided with opportunities to submit feedback and ratings in the spirit of promoting open government and transparency at FHWA. Examples of feedback mechanisms are:

1. An “agree/disagree”, “vote up/vote down” or other rating system to give visitors information about which posts other visitors find most useful and interesting.
2. A “Contact Us” entry page with an optional contact e-mail address for those visitors wishing to identify themselves.
3. Submit ideas and comments features.

Estimated Burden of Information Collection:

This ICR is for a three-year standard clearance of the FHWA comment, rating, ranking and flagging mechanisms, and those used by its program offices implementing the Engage@FHWA initiative.

IC’s are included in this package for the following feedback mechanisms:

Comments/Voting/Rating/Ranking/Flagging for Public Support or Disagreement:

It is estimated that across the FHWA 14,400 votes/comments/ratings/flags may be submitted annually as offices engage the public in the spirit of open government. Each of the comment/ratings is estimated to take 30 seconds to complete. Therefore, it is estimated that 72000 minutes (120 hours) per year may be expended to submit votes/ratings as agencies engage the public in open government activities.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the

accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of computer technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

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